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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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FAILURE TO LIFT FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Delhi failed to lift its quota of foodgrains for distribution under the Public Distribution System (PDS) during 2007 leading to cut in allocation for Above Poverty Line (APL) families;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SH. KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a), (b) & (c): In view of procurement of rice during 2006-07 and 2007-08 being lower than the total demand from various states, the allocation of rice for APL category for 2008-09 has been made on the basis of its average offtake during 2006-07 and 2007-08. APL allocation of wheat has been retained at normal allocation for this category during 2007-08 (excluding adhoc additional allocations).

Details of allocation and offtake of rice and wheat under APL category in respect of Delhi during 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 (upto August 08) are as under:

(in thousand tons)

Year		Allotment APL	Offtake APL
2006-07	Rice	298.956	95.786
	Wheat	365.720	282.479
2007-08	Rice	187.164	165.739
	Wheat	389.237	367.783
2008-09(upto August 08)	Rice	45.204	45.266
	Wheat	130.116	133.665

In order to check inflationary trends during festival season 2008, the Government has released a quantity of 50,000 tons of wheat to Delhi under Open Market Sale Scheme(OMSS) for September and October 2008 for distribution to retail consumers. Another 50,000 tons have also been released to Delhi for sale to bulk consumers for October-November 2008.